primary completion by 2015. In the aforesaid meeting, it was brought out that about 125 million children all over the world are presently not enrolled in primary school.

(d) and (e) India has supported the plan for arriving at an international consensus to achieve primary education for all children by 2015. The Governent of India has introduced the Constitution (93rd Amendment) Bill in Parliament to make elementary education a Fundamental Right for all children in the age-group 6-14 years. It has also launched the natioal programme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) to provide eight years of quality elementary education to all such children by 2010. The allocation for elementary education has been also enhanced from Rs. 16,369 crores in Ninth Plan to Rs. 28,750 crores in the tenth Plan. the World Bank also proposes to scale up its resource transfer to the elementary education sector susbtantially during the coming years.

Schools under DPEP

358. SHRI K.M. KHAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of primary schools operating in the country under the District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) and the number of districts it is operating in, as on 31st March, 2002;

(b) whether there is a proposal to extend DPEP cover to all the districts of the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is also a proposal to set up alternative schools under DPEP;

(e) if so, the number of such schools set up as on 31st March, 2002; and

(f) the amount sanctioned and spent under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [Dr. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (f) The District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) is being implemented in 273 districts of 18 States, namely, Assam, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Madhya pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat,

Himachal Pradesh, Orissa, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Bihar, Jharkhand and Rajasthan, About 3,77,000 primary schools are covered under DPEP, including 23,000 new primary schools opened under the programme. About 76,000 Alternative Schooling Centres have also been set up under DPEP. Government of India has released an amount of Rs. 4055.70 crores, the concerned project States have contributed Rs. 730.00 crores and an expenditure of Rs. 4478.00 crores has been incurred on the scheme upto 31.3.2002. In view of launching of the new scheme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), which is an integrated and holistic programme for universalisation of elementary education covering all districts in the country, it has been decided that there will be no further expansion of DPEP.

Jan Shiksha Sansthan Scheme

359. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Jan Shiksha Sansthan Scheme;

(b) the number of centres set up/proposed to be set up in the country, State-wise, as on the 31st March, 2002; and

(c) the amount sanctioned and spent under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) The scheme of Jan Shiksha Sansthan is conceived as a scheme of non formal, adult and continuing education for conducting vocational training and skill upgradation programmes. It is based on the polyvalent or multifunctional approach to adult education. the Jan Shikshan Sansthans, in their courses and activites, concentrate on the socio-economically backward and educationally disadvantaged groups of urban and rural areas.

(b) The State-wise list of 108 Jan Shikshan Sansthans set up as on 31.3.2002 is given in the Statement (*see* below).

(c) The amount sanctioned and sepent under the scheme during 2001-2002 is Rs. 25.00 crores.